

PART 1 (il pezzo numero uno)

"A Must Read If You Believe In Democracy and Justice"

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Corruption:

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"Billy" Tauzin (R-LA) has supported the anticompetitive actions of the
"Big Boy Broadcaster's" lobbyists (the National Association of
Broadcasters, [NAB]) by opposing the "Low Power Radio
Service"(LPRS) proposal of the Federal Communication Commission
(FCC).

The LPRS would create competition and variety by opening thousands
of new legal frequencies
(depending on how the rules end up getting written) on America's FM
dial for new and new local
voices to get on the air.
Tauzin has referred to the FCC as a "renegade" agency and is
threatening "reorganization" and
began investigating the reauthorization of the FCC immediately
after dissenters (led by David
Bonior (D-Mich)) in the House of Representatives publicly disagreed
with Tauzin by
supporting the "Low Power Radio Service."
Tauzin has publicly claimed that he is worried that "skinheads"
would start radio stations.
Tauzin has also expressed concern that civic radio stations would
drain donations away from

Public Broadcasting radio stations.

This would be the normal "newspeak" that politicians of all stripes are known to engage in; except that Tauzin is ruling on issues that affect the employer of his relatives ... classic nepotism. Ethics Violation!

Tauzin is the Chairman of the House Telecommunications Subcommittee. This is a subcommittee of the House Commerce Committee (which is chaired by Thomas Bliley (R-Va)).

Tauzin theoretically represents the entire United States House of Representatives ...

on telecommunications (electronic media) issues. Indeed there are dissenters both in

Congress and in the grassroots.

Tauzin theoretically then represents every American that voted for any member of

the House of Representatives ... on telecommunications issues.

Tauzin sets the agenda in his committee for any bills and investigations ... into telecommunications issues.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) is a lobbying organization that

represents the large corporate-chain radio stations ... on telecommunications (electronic media) issues.

The job of the NAB is to influence Congress (Tauzin, mostly) to create laws,

investigations and agendas for discussion that are favorable to the concentration of

control (and profits) of radio stations.

Tauzin therefore is a major lobbying target of the NAB to create favorable policies

for the concentration of power and the deferment of consequences in

order to constantly

maximize profit.

HOW INTERESTING THEN THAT TAUZIN'S DAUGHTER WORKS FOR THE NAB!!

If this were a court of law, that would be like the prosecutor or a defendant's lawyer

being the daughter of the judge!! An immediate mistrial would normally be

declared. The judge would normally take himself out of such a case due to

conflict-of-interest.

Republicans love free enterprise and free trade ... until its their buddies who have to compete!! Billy

Tauzin, (R-LA) had an immediate and radical response when the FCC proposed addressing

concentration of control of radio by opening up new frequencies for

locals and new groups ... by
threatening the FCC with "reorganization"!

Strategic Silence: Interestingly, the House Telecom Subcommittee is
the
subcommittee to the House Commerce Committee, chaired by (drum
roll) Thomas J Bliley
(R-VA)!! Bliley's staff has so-far refused to express any public
decision as to whether Bliley
sees a problem with Tauzin's corruption. There have been several
requests for Mr. Bliley to
take a stand in support of the Low Power Radio Service especially
considering the nepotism
of his underling. Ethics!

Double Standards: Bliley's silence becomes even more interesting
when
he has published a statement in support of Low Power TV stations
that are recognized as often
the only source of truly locally relevant programming. This
statement is (almost verbatim)
reiterating the points of the proponents of the Low Power Radio
Service for Low Power
Radio support.

Naked Exclusionary Racism: Speaking of skinheads. Conrad
Burns (R-Mont) is quoted as agreeing with the National Association of
Broadcasters, saying that we
don't need all these little radio stations, "I've had about all the
diversity I can stand."
Conrad Burns is the Senate version of Tauzin. Burns is the chair of the

Senate Telecommunications
subcommittee, (of the Senate Commerce Committee, Chaired by John McCain
(R-AZ)). It is
amazing that they let him out in public with attitudes like that. Lucky
for him, no major media other
than trade journals such as the Public Broadcasting Report have
reported on this.

This shows what the true motivation of their opposition to community
radio is; they just finished
bum-rushing "them" out the front door with the 1996 Telecom Act. The
Low Power Radio Service
proposes to let "those people" right back in.

Now the prices of radio stations are sky-high. The mergers are arranged
so that anyone who wishes
to advertise is given less and less real choice and competition and so
the smaller businesses (and
their customers) pay back the bank for the mergers. This is how the
media moguls don't actually
lose any money and it has the wonderful side effect of keeping "those"
people out of the game.

Naked Power Grab: A merger between two communication's giants have to get past three Federal agencies, the Federal Communications Commission (with President Clinton's appointment of Mr. Kennard, the first African-American Chairman ever), the Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission (the last two essentially controlled by pro-corporate-power-concentration Republicans) (Bloomberg News 5/26/99) "Two influential Senators introduced legislation that would limit the U.S. Federal Communications Commission's authority to review mergers. The bill, sponsored by Senate Commerce Committee Chairman John McCain(R-AZ) and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-WA), would forbid the FCC from blocking a transaction that either the Department of Justice or Federal Trade Commission has cleared. "

The Federal Trade Commission is overseen by the Senate Commerce Committee (Chaired by Senator John McCain) and the Department of Justice is overseen by the Senate Judiciary Committee (Chaired by Senator Orrin Hatch).

Naked follow-through on retaliatory threat:
Tauzin is the Chair of the House Telecom Subcommittee. This means that theoretically, he speaks to the FCC for all the Representatives and all the Americans that voted for all the Representatives on issues relating to electronic media. Tauzin as the Chair gets to set the agenda of investigations, pass or kill a proposed bill before the media ever get a chance to report on it, and in general hide his agenda or not as serves his interests.
Twenty-seven members of the House of Representatives signed on to a letter by David Bonior (D-Mich) that supported the Low Power Radio Service proposals. On March 17th, the day after Bonior's letter in support went to the FCC with 26 other signatories, Tauzin began his "reauthorization" hearings for the FCC. McCain and Tauzin have openly stated that they thought that the FCC was a "renegade" agency and that they needed "restructuring".

Hmmm, perhaps restructuring like the 1996 Telecommunications Act that allowed all these mergers in the first place and caused this mess?

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are so sure that the mainstream
media will not alert the public to the selling of their resources, the
airwaves, for personal gain.

Tauzin and crowd knows that if they expect to get reelected, they must
purchase advertising on
Television.
People like Tauzin rarely stay in office when people know they are corrupt.

They cannot afford to upset the Big Boy Broadcasters who have the ultimate
in welfare:

The worse job the reporters do covering a political campaign, the more the
need for TV ads to get the
candidate's points across.

TV ads cost huge stinking piles of blood money meaning that they must
prostitute themselves to people
and institutions with deep pockets.

And finally, frankly, most candidates of major parties are far more
comfortable hob nobbing with Archer

Daniels Midland company execs on their jets as they go on privately funded "fact-finding" missions than they do visiting you at some greasy spoon restaurant for your measly \$100 or less.

Then they can slap themselves on the back that really they deserve to be in

this position of power, after all, they know they are right; the proof is that God loves them because they are Rich, they are Rich because God loves them. If you are not rich, that means God does not love you, and if we are going to have paradise, well, you'll just have to go.

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arranged, and with radio stations with regular people doing the shows, there is always the chance that someone might really come up with a unique solution to a problem that they don't have any control over nor ability to profit from. (Follow this link, scroll down to the bottom and you will see why a network

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